

Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2019  
Minutes Approved December 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Clearwater Township Community Center by Supervisor Mike Gaylord, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of board members: Barb Crambell-present; Kathy Eldridge-present; Mike Gaylord-present; Jeremy Morrison-present; Greg Bradley-present. Also present 23 guests in audience.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No conflict.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Bradley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 17, 2019.

Roll call vote: Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Eldridge, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 22, 2019. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Crambell, seconded by Morrison, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 30, 2019. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Eldridge, to approve the minutes from the special meeting of November 13, 2019. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Crambell reported: General Fund, all accounts, \$330,022.00; Public Improvement Fund, \$3,111.80; Road Improvement Fund, \$96,150.72; Fire Fund, \$206,828.83; Fire Equipment Fund, \$31,810.62; Tax Fund, \$17.70.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from General Fund as presented, voucher #24199 through #24250.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Crambell-yes; Gaylord-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, paying bills from Fire Fund as presented, voucher #8585 through #8611.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Gaylord-yes; Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Accountability Statement:** The treasurer balanced with the bank and the clerk balanced with the treasurer.

**Supervisor's Report:** Mike Gaylord reported Fire Department remodel has started.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Paul Fabiano reported October's monthly activities, reporting 33 total incidents. Fabiano has notified all fire personnel physicals to be completed or scheduled by December 31, 2019.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to accept James Haggard, to be on the fire department, provisional, as Chief said.

All in favor. Motion passed.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Nate Deveneau reported October's monthly activities. The 2020 contract should be ready next month.

**Hospital Report:** Hospital Representative MaryAnn Ewald reported on hospital activities. Strategic activities for the next 10 years are underway. The hospital was recently certified as a Level IV Trauma Center.

**Planning Commission:** Eldridge reported on actions of the commission.

**Parks and Recreation:** Gaylord reported winterizing the parks has been completed.

Residents approached the Township to collect donations to update the holiday decorations on the street lamp poles. The board was asked if money could also be approved to support this effort. Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to approve \$600.00 for Christmas decoration lighting for the street lamp poles.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

Discussion around request for letter to be sent to Kalkaska Township in support of their request to acquire land from the DNR on Island Lake Rd for recreational purposes.

Motion by Bradley, seconded Morrison, drafting a letter of support. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

**Glade Valley Rd "Old Iron" Bridge:** Discussion around next steps to close or repair the bridge. The board received from Al Halbeisen of OHM Advisors an estimated cost of repair of \$55,000.00 with another \$5,000.00 for construction oversight. This would return the bridge to support its existing load limit of 3 tons. Until the repairs are made, the bridge will remain closed to vehicular traffic due to safety concerns of the current critical condition rating designated by MDOT.

Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, Clearwater Township Board approves bringing the bridge back to 3 ton, take the money to do that, according to the estimate we have from Al.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

**Master Plan Review and Approval:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Crambell, to accept the Master Plan as submitted by the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Bradley-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-no; Eldridge-yes. Motion passed.

**Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019 Acceptance:** Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to accept the audit report dated March 31, 2019.

Roll call vote: Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Morrison-yes; Gaylord-yes; Bradley-yes. Motion passed.

**Ordinance 22 Amendment Planning Commission Memo:** Motion by Eldridge, seconded by Bradley, to decline the recommendation for the text amendment to 22 Zoning Ordinance.

Roll call vote: Eldridge-yes; Gaylord-yes; Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Crambell-yes. Motion passed.

**Special Use Permit Planning Commission Memo:** Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Crambell, to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and deny this request based upon the finding of facts, and zoning board appeals finding of facts.

Roll call vote: Morrison-yes; Bradley-yes; Crambell-yes; Eldridge-yes; Gaylord-yes. Motion passed.

**Township Policy Document:** Eldridge requested the board read the policy manual and encouraged comments and suggestions stating it included job duties and guidelines.

**Public Comment:**

Two residents voiced their opinions about the Glade Valley Rd "Old Iron" bridge.

**Adjourned:**

Motion by Bradley to adjourn meeting, seconded by Crambell. All in favor. Motion passed, ending meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Marletta Day, Recording Secretary